



September 14, 2011

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, September 9, 2011, Melissa Newman and Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink), Michael Saperstein (Frontier), Hank Hultquist (AT&T), Kathy Grillo (Verizon) and I met with Angela Kronenberg, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. We discussed the recently filed ABC Plan¹ and the Consensus Framework² proposals for reform of the Universal Service Fund and intercarrier compensation. Our discussion focused on the proposal for intercarrier compensation reform contained in the ABC Plan and Consensus Framework and the role of state authorities in the transition from the current access charge regime created by the FCC to the endpoint proposed in the Consensus Framework of a single low rate for terminating traffic. In addition, we discussed the obligations recipients of universal support would be required to meet under the ABC Plan, including service levels and buildout, and how those obligations would be defined and enforced.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Banks

c: Angela Kronenberg

¹ Letter from Robert W. Quinn, Jr., AT&T, Steve Davis, CenturyLink, Michael T. Skrivan, FairPoint, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Frontier, Kathleen Grillo, Verizon and Michael D. Rhoda, Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, WC Dkt. Nos. 10-90, et al. (July 29, 2011) (ABC Plan).

² Letter from Jonathan Banks, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, WC Dkt. Nos. 10-90, et al., Attach. (July 29, 2011) (Consensus Framework).